



## TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7 PM  
Ames Road Multi-Purpose Building - Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Wolfe, Boyle, Heimann and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer, from Green County. Schilling from Lafayette County and Torkelson and Schwartz from Green County had excused absences. Butteris from Iowa County was also absent. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wolfe at 7:00 PM (as Mr. Heimann was going to be late) and he asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Wolfe declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Bartels. The motion carried.

### **Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail:**

Tom will be working with Kurt Byfield from the DNR to apply for the 2020-2021 maintenance funds for ATV/UTV and Snowmobile grants. They need to be applied for by April 15, 2020. Tom is also working with Kurt to bring all of the outstanding grants up to date. Tom will be applying for reimbursement for:

- 1. Flood rehabilitation grant** ATV-4121S in the amount of \$88,190.00 of which we have been advanced 75% or \$66,142.59 and a deadline of June 30, 2021 to have all work completed.
- 2. Bridge rehabilitation** Grant # ATV-3367 in the amount of \$31,950.00 and Snowmobile S-4487 in the amount of 10,650.00. **All work has to be done by June 30, 2020.**
- 3. For the 2018-2019 season:** Grant # ATV-3825 for ATV/UTV summer trail maintenance in the amount of \$45,400 of which \$22,700 was advanced and Grant # S-5264 for Snowmobile in the amount of \$19,200 of which \$9,600 was advanced and all work had to be done by June 30, 2019.
- 4. For the 2019-2020 season:** ATV-4026 in the amount of \$40,850 of which \$20,425 was advanced, and Snowmobile grant # S-5384 in the amount of \$17,250 of which \$8,625 was advanced and all work has to be done by June 30, 2020. Tom is currently working with Jewell Associate Engineers designing the 900 ft. rip rap project along the Pecatonica River south of Tibbetts Road. The estimate of the project is about \$173,000 and the DNR has tentatively agreed to fund the request through a split of Snowmobile and ATV funds.

### **Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs:**

Lee reported that he has cleaned all of the bridges of debris from Darlington to Calamine and from Calamine to both Belmont and Mineral Point. There are still some bridges that need some work to get debris cleared, but will take more than just an excavator on shore to get it done. Lee has also repaired the damage from CTH O to Brunson Lane and will have the trail ready to open soon.

Paul reported that the trail will be open to snowmobiles as soon as we get a couple more inches of snow. When that happens, the trail will be closed to ATV/UTV's until Spring.

Craig Shager said that the Green County portion also needs some bridges cleared of debris.

Tom McQuire was present to request some drainage be looked into just south of Calamine. His property in Calamine is a swamp in the backyard and he feels that if the culvert under the trail was cleaned out, it would drain to the river. Dennis Allendorf had given Lee an estimate of \$19,000 to dig drainage ditches on either side of the trail and to try to open up the culvert under the trail. It was decided that the DNR should be approached regarding permits to work in the wetland area and then perhaps an agreement could be discussed with the adjacent landowners to drain this area. No action was taken at this time.

**Legislative update:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**Fencing Request:** None

**Status of Fund:** Tom presented the Status of funds report through December of 2019. Following a review, a motion was made to accept the Status of Fund report, by Mr. Heimann and seconded by Mr. Bartels. The motion carried.

**Vouchers:** Vouchers presented for payment were from Wisconsin County Mutual for Insurance - \$577.00, Jeff Voegeli Landscaping - \$7,975 for flood repair, Tri County ATVers - \$14,708.00 for flood repair and bridge rehabilitation, Lafayette County Highway Dept.- \$1,608.16 for flood repairs including a new culvert, Jewell & Associates Engineers - \$1,932.75 for design engineering on the rip rap project, and Bard Materials - \$14,406.91 for trail maintenance. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Heimann to approve the vouchers and the motion carried.

**Date of next meeting:** February 20, 2020 at the Courthouse in Monroe at 7 PM.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Boyle and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

**Vouchers approved via email or conference call in lieu of meeting on March 19, 2020:**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic outbreak, the meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 was cancelled. The vouchers that needed to be paid were presented to the committee via email, or regular mail. Each committee member then sent an email confirming their approval and the invoices were sent to finance for payment. The following is a list of vouchers that were approved by the committee on March 19, 2020:

Tom Jean, Coordinator's salary	\$5,000.00
Jewell Associates Engineers – for survey and design of rip rap project	\$7,215.60
Lafayette County Highway Dept.-for brushing along trail with excavator	\$2,439.35
T- Riders Snowmobile Club – Grooming	\$2,643.02
Tri County ATV Club – repair of area by McKnight bridge (Tuller Lane)	\$ 500.00
WisNet domain renewal	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,822.97</b>